

Section 15 Weapon Type (Abstractor)

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WType Type of weapon or means used to inflict the injury

OthWeap Text field to indicate the weapon type if WType is coded as “Other”

Uses

Abstractors should use this field to decide the appropriate weapon type. The field exists because records about the incident may not agree about the weapon type used yet a weapon type must be selected to activate the appropriate weapon fields in the application.

Discussion

Weapon type reports the broad category of weapon(s) used to inflict the injury. “Sharp instrument” refers not only to knives, but also to razors, machetes, or pointed instruments (e.g., chisel, broken glass). “Blunt instrument” refers to clubs, bats, etc. “Personal weapons” include fists, feet, hands. “Fall” covers both being pushed (as in a homicide) or jumping (as in a suicide).

Name	Label	Table	Type	Field length	Priority	Primacy
WType	Weapon type:	Weapon	Number	2	ER	SYS
OthWeap	Other weapon information:	Weapon	Text	100	ER	SYS

Response Options:**WType**

- 1 Firearm
- 5 Non-powder gun
- 6 Sharp instrument
- 7 Blunt instrument
- 8 Poisoning
- 9 Hanging, strangulation, suffocation
- 10 Personal weapons
- 11 Fall
- 12 Explosive
- 13 Drowning
- 14 Fire or burns
- 15 Shaking, (e.g., shaken baby syndrome)
- 16 Motor Vehicle
- 17 Biological weapons
- 18 Intentional neglect, (e.g., starving a baby)
- 66 Other
- 99 Unknown

OthWeap**Data Standards or Guidelines**

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